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#### Kallie Floorse wen R39,000 se prysgeld



En die wenner is.... Kallie Floorse van Prince Albert! By Kallie staan sy trotse opleier, Diana Koorts, wat hom spesiaal George toe vervoer het om aan die kompetisie deel te neem. Foto: Alet van Tonder

- Denise Ohlson -

p 2 September was Kallie Floorse een van 24 leerders van Hoërskool Zwartberg wat aan die semi-finaal van die CAMI\* 2010 Spoeduitdaging in Wiskunde en Syfervaardigheid by die Garden Route Mall in George gaan deelneem het. Die uitdaging is geborg deur die Nelson Mandela Metropolitaanse Universiteit en alle leerders van Plettenbergbaai tot by die Weskus kon deelneem. By Zwartberg het sewe leerders die dag gekwalifiseer vir die finaal – vyf uit die laerskool en Kallie en Eloise Gouws uit die hoërskool.

As graad 11 leerder het Kallie tydens die finaal op 9 Oktober stof in al die deelnemers se oë geskop toe hy met die eerste prys van 'n studiebeurs van R25,000 vir 2012 en rekenaarprogramme ter waarde van R14,000 beloon is. Hy het ook drie groot houers waardevolle tablette van Dis-Chem gewen, wat hy gedurende die eksamen sal gebruik om geheue te help bou! Kallie sê hy loop letterlik op wolke en kan sy skool en

personeel nie genoeg bedank vir hul aandeel aan sy sukses nie. Veral vir sy afrigter Diana Koorts moet hy uitsonder, maar dan vertel Diana dat dit net die grootste plesier is om met dié troue leerder te werk. "Hy het sedert Augustus onverpoos geoefen; selfs Vrydagmiddae en naweke het hy onvermoeid in die rekenaarlokaal gewerk. Hy is absoluut gemotiveerd en blits syfers af tot by die 15 maal tafel. Selfs moeilike inverse vrae skrik hom nie af nie."

Ook die Bestuurder: Bemarking en Korporatiewe Verhoudinge van die George Kampus, Alet van Tonder, het net lof vir die seun van Prince Albert: "Hy is 'n pragtige kind, beskeie maar vriendelik – en só netjies. Ons is baie trots op hierdie uiters bekwame wenner."

Curshvine St Franco (Kallie) Floorse is in 1993 in die Kaap gebore as baba vir Cathrine Pietersen, tans stafverpleegster by 'n ouetehuis in Mosselbaai. Kleintyd het hy by sy grootouers Jafta en Tienie Pietersen in Prince Albert kom bly; later het sy boetie en sussie ook gevolg.

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Sy oupa, bekende draadmaker en kenner van veldmedisyne, vertel die oulike seuntjie "het min raas nodig gehad en mooi opgekom".

Hy is gereeld by die skool gaan haal en agter op sy oups se fiets huis toe geneem sodat hy sommer na ete met sy huiswerk kon begin. Ouma Tienie spog tereg met al die diplomas wat Kallie al deur sy skoolloopbaan verwerf het. Pas het hy ook die wisseltrofee gewen as beste presteerder in Afrikaans, terwyl hy boonop in alsy vakke eerste staan behalwe in Engels, waar hy die tweede posisie inneem. Hierdie jaar was hy prefek, volgende jaar is hy hoofseun by Hoërskool Zwartberg.

Akademie is nie sy alfa en omega nie: Hy is 'n kranige langafstandatleet, en speel ook tennis, rugby en krieket.

Na matriek kan hy besluit of hy in Port Elizabeth of op George wil studeer met die beursgeld wat hom deur sy eerste jaar sal dra. Die toekoms blink voorwaar vir hierdie slim seun van Prince Albert wat sy visier op siviele ingenieurswese het.

Sy grootste begeerte is nou om sy eie rekenaar te bekom waarop hy sy blinknuwe sagteware kan aflaai. *Die Vriend* verneem graag of daar lesers is wat sou belangstel om sy droom vinnig te verwesenlik princealbertfriend@gmail.com of skakel 023 541 1366.

\*CAMI staan vir Computer Aided Maths Instruction

#### What have we learnt?

ext year we will elect a new Council. This is our opportunity to decide who will represent and work for us to improve our everyday lives. It will also be our chance to influence the future of Prince Albert, Klaarstroom and Leeu-Gamka.

Since the last election, our Council has repeatedly been stuck because there are three DA Councillors and 3 ANC Councillors. Time after time, they took it in turns to walk out of Council meetings when an issue did not suit them and then they engaged in political grandstanding.

For instance, on Friday, 22 October, residents who attended the Council meeting witnessed a shouting match that resulted in the meeting being adjourned without any work being done. Have our Councillors

forgotten who elected them and to whom they are accountable?

Next year we will elect seven and not six Councillors. There will be no excuse of a 'hung council' to hide behind when decisions are not made and not implemented.

What can each one of us do? Firstly, every one who is 18 years and older must register to vote. Secondly, when we vote, we must make absolutely sure that we choose people who will work for the community and not for themselves or only their party.

The November edition of the *Friend* will give you more information on the importance of voting in next year's local government election.

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#### **A Christian Perspective**

- Ailsa Tudhope -

enesis 5:1 - 2 tells us "When God created Man he made them in the likeness of God. Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man."

The recent Flower Festival at St John's celebrated the feminine image of God in its theme "Portrait of a Lady." Women and men from various churches brought beautiful, fragrant blooms to create displays celebrating mothers, daughters and grannies; women of the arts; women who have served South Africa and others whose service to humankind has been recognised in Nobel Peace Prizes.

Whether a local family member or a world famous figure from a distant land, each woman had touched the lives of others: through their care, their service and determination, their standing up for that which is right and their witnessing to God's Love which transcends all distinctions of language, nationality and religion.

Jesus came to live in a society and at a time when women were considered to be of little consequence, yet he broke numerous social rules to make it clear that he saw them as men's partners and equals; allowing women to touch him (Matt 26: 7), talking to a Samaritan woman (John 4:7) and encouraging women to join in spiritual discussions (Luke 10:41 - 42).

He used the feminine imagery of a woman searching for a lost coin and rejoicing upon finding it, in the Parable of the Housewife, to illustrate God's love for humanity. Another parable has a baker woman adding yeast to the bread to make it rise, as we should add God's love to society to make it holy.

Through flowers we gave thanks for women who have expressed all which is feminine by living God's Love in the world.

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Letters must provide the writer's name, address and telephone number (not for publication).

#### And justice for all

ary Hunter (*Friend* August 2010) writes that sheep and goats replaced the natural food of the jackal. But this is not correct. They merely increased the jackal's menu, providing it with more meat for less effort.

Ms Hunter points to the use of guardian dogs. Guardian dogs were widely used in the Prince Albert district. Farmers paid thousands of rand per dog in the hope of the achieving promised results: affordable and effective protection of livestock. But not one dog is left. Why?

Firstly, the dog is raised as a puppy among the sheep. At a certain stage in its life it goes through an identity crisis: "Am I dog or sheep?" It starts doing strange things such as biting the lambs or eating their ears. Secondly, guardian dogs kill everything in nature except sheep. This poses a threat to biodiversity and is totally unacceptable to a green farmer. It is also the reason why some extremist greenies oppose the use of guardian dogs. And lastly, it is unrealistic to expect a dog to protect 300 ewes and their lambs from four or five hungry jackal 24 hours a day in a 500hectare camp. There is no time for the dog to eat, sleep or rest.

Having shepherds guard the flock in the extensive farming areas means kraaling each night. This results in more hoof movement, more erosion, less soil and less plant density. All of which make it difficult to sustain animal life on earth.

Die inligting aangaande die dierebeskermingswet No 71 van 1962 (*Vriend* Augustus 2010 – Dr B Bard) is die motivering vir my skrywe. Die omheiningswet vereis dat voldoende omheining om diere op die perseel te hou in plek moet wees en in stand gehou moet word; hetsy vir skape, leeus of wat die geval ook mag wees. Jakkalse word gerieflikheidshalwe deur die wet misgekyk en migreer na die "kunsmatige" areas met volop kos en water. Vir

'n groen boer en diereliefhebber is dit onaanvaarbaar.

Klokkies en halsbande om lammers se nekke om hul te "beskerm" of jakkalse "af te skrik" is barbaars aangesien die jakkals geforseer word om die lam lewendig te eet. Foto's van nog lewende lammers met oopgebyte pense word slegs aan die publiek vertoon om die wreedheid van so 'n bestuurspraktyk te verduidelik. Na 'n kort aanpassingsperiode interpreteer die jakkals die klokkie as sy etensklokkie

Dr Bard, my doel is nie om 'n belaglike brief te skryf nie, maar om as 'n groen, bona fide boer, die verminking van die 5,400 weerlose skape per dag in SA, na die regsbank te bring. Die dierebeskermingswet is baie duidelik, maar in die geval van skape is daar ongelukkig geen vervolging nie.

Sodra die wet streng toegepas word sal alle rolspelers in die wildboerdery, veeboerdery en natuurbewaringsektore hulle verantwoordelikhede moet nakom en dit wat hulle wil akkommodeer, hetsy leeus of jakkalse, beheer.

Jakkalse is vleiseters – daarom eet hulle vleis. Die wet van die natuur "survival of the fittest" geld ook vir die jakkals, daarom vang hy die stadiger lam as hy nie tot sy eie gebied beperk word nie.

Joseph Steyn

#### St John's kerkbasaar

ns basaar by die Sydwell Williamssentrum op Saterdag, 9 Oktober, was 'n reuse sukses met smaaklike braaivleis, koek en gemmerbier. Die stalletjies was vol tuisgebakte lekkernye en die musiek was vrolik.

Baie dankie aan almal wat 'n bydrae gemaak het en wat ons ondersteun het. Sonder julle sou ons dit nie kon doen nie.

Eva Marsch, (namens St John's Kerkraad)

#### N1: Wie is verantwoordelik?

et groot spyt en woede sien ek hoe dat die N1 en aangrensende weiding in die Prince Albert distrik bemors word met papier en plastiek. Dit is veral die afgelope tyd sedert die padwerke op die N1 tussen die Dwyka rivier en Leeu-Gamka begin is.

Met die droogte op hande is hierdie nuwe 'nasionale blom' nog meer sigbaar. Die Karooveld is uniek en word nêrens anders gevind nie, nou bemors motoriste die pragtige natuurskoon so. Ek weet nie

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#### Prince Albert Briend

(Briewe... Vervolg vanaf p 4)

waar om te kla nie, maar dit is blykbaar ook Prince Albert se verkeersbeamptes wat die bosse langs die betrokke pad beskadig om daarin weg te kruip, terwyl ek altyd verstaan het dat sigbare polisiëring eintlik die beste is om onwettighede te voorkom.

Hoekom doen die Wes-Kaap LUR vir Vervoer en Openbare Werke en sy departement niks aan die mors van afval nie? Daar is wel kennisgewings opgesit dat dit `n kriminele oortreding is, maar kyk hoe lyk dit rondom die borde bemors. Dit is tog hulle verantwoordelikheid om toesig oor padwerke en padboukontrakteurs in die provinsie te hou.

Ek sou graag wou weet wie gaan die veld weer skoon maak? Ek wil nie dié 'blomme' in my veld hê nie. Diere kan groot lyding verduur en met die dood betaal as hul stukke plastieksakke inkry! Dit is immers die 'pad van die dood', soos die N1 tussen Beaufort Wes en Laingsburg ook bekend staan, en raak

nou ook vir ons vee werklikheid.

'n Ander N1 kwessie: Na die hoeveelste ongeluk sedert die padwerke begin is (die grusame N1-ongeluk op 16 Oktober) ontstaan die vraag weer by my: "Hoekom is daar nooit verkeersbeamptes op die pad vir die eerste paar kilometers nadat die padwerke eindig nie?" Uit daaglikse ervaring as ek die roete gebruik, kan ek bevestig dat, wanneer die string voertuie na die derde keer se 'tien- minute- wag' loskom uit die padwerke, hulle wil opmaak vir die verlies aan tyd. Dan begin veral vragmotors en taxis hul eie padreëls maak om verby te Voertuie wat op sperstrepe verbygaan, vragmotors wat drie langs mekaar ry om bymekaar verby te gaan is 'n alledaagse gesig.

Ek het altyd verstaan dat sigbare polisiëring eintlik die beste is om onwettighede te voorkom. Rommelstrooi, spoedoortredings, onverskilligheid, padwoede en al die ander probleme ter sprake rondom die padwerke en openbare vervoer, kan definitief so aangespreek word.

Die verkeersbeamptes van Prince Albert en Laingsburg kan `n baie waardevolle rol speel om ongelukke te voorkom indien hulle sigbaar teenwoordig is om die verkeer te waarsku en so te sê emosioneel te begelei. Wegkruip onder bosse om geld te maak uit spoedlokvalle gaan nie die probleem oplos nie.

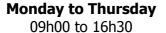
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#### More questions for our traffic officers

n 8 June I parked next to my home in the diagonal parking area. The school next door was busy cutting down trees and asked me to move my bakkie. I parked my vehicle with two wheels on the pavement to give more street room for parents collecting their children. I did not block the walkway. When I reparked, I found that I had been ticketed for illegal parking. I went to the traffic department to explain my case and was

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#### **Sterreprag oor Prince Albert**

- Hans Daehne -

In November is dit die laaste kans om vertroud te raak met die minder bekende lentekonstellasies soos **Pegasus**, **Andromeda**, **Aries**, **Perseus**, **Aquarius en Pisces**, almal nou in die noord-weste.

Dit help om bekende sterreformasies as rigtingwysers te gebruik: so wys die diagonaal van onder links na bo regs in die vierkant van Pegasus na die "V" van die visse (Pisces ) en die "agterbene " van die vlieënde perd dui al die sterrebeeld Andromeda aan waar mens bietjie met die verkyker moet soek om die pragtige **spiraalgalaksie M31** ons bure in die ruimte op `n afstand van twee-en half miljoen ligjaar te vind.

Alhoewel die Andromeda-newel reeds met die blote oog sigbaar is, sal `n verky-ker `n mooier aansig gee en selfs in `n teleskoop moet die vergroting nie te hoog wees nie sodat `n mens die hele oorsig kry oor die galaksie van 150 duisend ligjaar wydte. Dit is dus `n galaksie wat amper twee keer so groot is soos ons eie Melkweg-galaksie. Alle ander spiraalgalaksies, meestal nog groter, is baie verder weg van ons.

Bokant die kop van Pegasus is die sterrebeeld Aquarius te vinde. Aquarius en Pisces is die 11de en 12de sterrebeeld van die diereriem onderskeidelik.

Met Aries, die ram, begin die diereriem, die sterrebeelde wat op die ekliptika lê, maar dit bestaan uit net twee helder sterre en baie verbeelding. Die tweede sterrebeeld in die diereriem is Taurus, die bul en dit beteken dat die tyd naby is om weer die Sewe Susters (Pleiades) en die rooi oog van die bul (Aldebaran) bokant ons koppe in die nag te sien.

Perseus, alhoewel baie ryk aan mitologie, is net so moeilik om te vind. Op die ou end bly daar net oor om na die goeie ou vertrouelinge te soek soos die Suiderkruis en dit lê nou op sy sy en is later agter die Swartberg versteek. Daarvoor klim die Magellanse wolke nou al hoër en ons is bevoorreg om dit in Prince Albert nog met die blote oog te kan sien

wat vir die Kaapenaars of Gautengers lankal nie meer nie moontlik is nie.

Mercurius – is al weer 'n helder aandverskynsel met 'n magnitude van - 0.7 sigbaar in die weste net na sonsonder. Teen die einde van die maand sal hy vir langer as 'n uur na sonsonder sigbaar wees wanneer hy op sy hoogste sal wees.

**Venus** met 'n helderheid van -4.0 is die helderste oggendobjek net voor sonsopkoms.

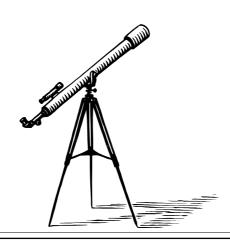
**Jupiter** is met - 2.8 baie helder bokant ons koppe en gaan eers vroeg in die oggend onder saam met die sterrebeeld van die Visse.

Dit is **Nuwe Maan** op die 6de en Volmaan op die 21de November.

**Saturn** is vir vroeg opstaaners te sien in die sterrebeeld Virgo.

Die alombekende somersterrebeeld Orion kom weer op in die Ooste later in die nag wanneer die Skerpioen besig is om onder te gaan. Dit is nadat, volgens die mitologie, die jagter Orion deur die slangdraer, Ophiucus, weer genees is van die dodelike steek van die Skerpioen en nou gereed maak om die Skerpioen in die Weste weer in die aarde te vertrap. `n Skouspel wat net in die lente waargeneem kan word met die omgekeerde volgorde weer in die herfs van elke jaar. Dit gee ook `n verklaring hoekom die medici deesdae nog `n slang om `n staaf as hulle kenteken het.

Hou die sterre in u oë!





#### Oktober 2010

**29 & 30 October**: Stargazing with Astro

Tours

**30 October:** Walk for Cancer, opp. OK Grocer, 08h00. Entries at Prince Albert

#### November 2010

**3 November:** Prince Albert Tuinbou-

klub, SoetKaroo, 15h00

**5 & 6 November**: Stargazing with Astro

Tours

**6 November:** PA Kultuurstigting - begeleide toer van grafte, F P Museum,

14h00 - 16h00

12 & 13 November: Stargazing with

Astro Tours

17 November: Rolbalklub, SPS Luttig-

saal, 18h00

**19 November:** Bloedskenk by St Johns

Kerksaal. 11h30 - 14h30

**20 November:** Prince Albert Harvest Festival, Die Markie, 08h00 – 14h00 **26 & 27 November:** Stargazing with

Astro Tours

**28 November**: Karoo Carols by Candlelight, St John's Church, Bank St

#### Desember 2010

**1 December:** Prince Albert Garden Club, Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg, 17h00

171100

3 & 4 December: Stargazing with

**Astro Tours** 

10 - 16 December: Stargazing with

Astro Tours

16 December: Prince Albert Christmas

Market

25 - 31 December: Stargazing with

Astro Tours

PACF: Stories around the Campfire at Scholtzkloof. Date and details to be announced.

#### KONTREI EIENDOMME

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Talk to independent agent Denise Ohlson, resident in Prince Albert since 1986 Kyk gerus na my webwerf - www.deniseohlson.co.za







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Eiendom met sakeregte teenaan die N1 by Leeu-Gamka. Eie afrit! Drie erwe (saam 3 722 m²). Vele geboue. Kom vul die leemte: Daar is aanvraag vir B&B, lekker borde kos en gasvrye, persoonlike diens. Kom werk vir jouself en doen jou eie ding in die wye Karoo. Hier's jou kans!



R 850,000

Kom kyk na die Mullers se netjiese nessie, met liefde en sorg in stand gehou. Hoofhuis met een ruim slaapkamer, twee buitekamers met stort- en kookgeriewe. Dubbele motorhuis, perfekte tuintjie. Fraai!



SOLD!

Congratulations to Paul and Jane Roblin who are retiring from their busy life in Hilton in KZN to enjoy again the relaxed life-style of our sweet little village.

Welcome back, say all!



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Sien is glo: 'n Eerlike, skoon, sonnige en vriendelike huis. Nie 'n krakie is daar in die drie slaapkamers, ruim sitkamer, TV/eet-kamer, kombuis en waskamer nie. Motorhuis, afdakke, braaiplek...



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SOLD!

Congratulations to Peter and Monica Gibson from Hillcrest in KZN who plan to retire to this inviting home with its lei water dam and pleasant garden.



R 495,000

What a view! Plot of 574 m<sup>2</sup> with super position on the koppie. Architect's plans available. Invest in the future of the Great Karoo. \*Many more available... Call me!

#### **Brett the Vet: The Mice Will Play**

The topicality of 'the cat in the wheelie bin' has caused an international furore, reactions ranging from condemnation to hilarity. When the anonymous woman approached a friendly cat by a sidewalk, stroked it, and then glanced around to make sure nobody was looking before shoving the cat in a bin, closing the lid, and walking away, she had no idea that her actions had been caught on camera and distributed on YouTube, where her bizarre behaviour has attracted unprecedented attention.

Anybody who lives with a cat will know they have intensely private lives. Cats live in a world of their own, set their own boundaries, and don't like to be controlled. They have a wisdom and understanding that is conveyed through wit and riddles for those who are patient and open enough to interpret their sentiments. A more acceptable response to a random feline encounter might be the enchanting conversation that takes place in Wonderland between Alice and the Cheshire Cat when they first meet:

'Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?'

'That depends a good deal on where you want to get to,' said the Cat.

'I don't much care where,' said Alice.

'Then it doesn't matter which way you go,' said the Cat.

'So long as I get somewhere.' Alice added as an explanation.

Most cruelty and kindness to animals happens out of sight. When cruel actions are caught on camera it is almost unbelievable, even darkly comical because of our inability to respond. But it is always easier to react intellectually and emotionally to isolated cases. Mass cruelty never elicits effective reactions because the

scale of abuse is overwhelming. By drawing attention to minor injustices, people absolve themselves of complicity in greater oversights.

If a domestic non-human animal approaches a human of its own free will, it is reaching out to connect in a spirit of friendship. All our domestic animals do this unless they have good reason to fear us, which is often the case. The cat will communicate with varying degrees of subtlety, the dog will display loving attention, horses will approach and nuzzle, cows and sheep will come closer to investigate, and ostriches like to dance. There is always communication and a willingness to establish trust, either verbal or through body language.

Like any relationship where one party relies on the other for food, shelter, comfort, or companionship, there is a natural willingness to please exhibited by our domestic animals. Tacit understanding is often mercilessly breached. The positive attributes of power and strength are easily subverted when fear and cowardice dominate. Bullies will always choose the path of least resistance, and the less helpless the victim, the greater the challenge. Domination of animals using guns, bars, chains, electric shocks, and condescension diminishes human integrity and makes a mockery of the notion that caring for captive animals is somehow virtuous.

The experience of pleasure in animals is admired by humans who are drawn to a purring cat, a cow chewing the cud, a dog wagging its tail, lambs frolicking in the fields, romantic cooing doves, ecstatic copulating horses, free soaring eagles, and peaceful whales. Turning a blind eye to suffering is shutting out the friend.

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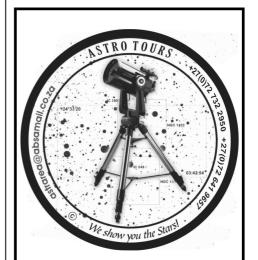
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told to write them a letter and attach the ticket. This, I duly did and waited for four months.

I have just received a letter from the Clerk of the Court informing me that the fine has been changed from R300 to... R300. The original charge was "parking on the pavement" and is now "driving a vehicle on a sidewalk".

Sad story isn't it? It stems from local traffic officers who do not set a good example, are inconsistent and selective with their policing. John Mckenna took photos of these very same law-enforcers illegally parked in front of the Municipality. I have taken pictures of a number of cars wrongly parked especially in Church Street. Why haven't they been ticketed? Could it be that the traffic police have already made enough money and are resting? Or is it that they are selective about who they should prosecute?

Whilst having coffee at Hansie's Saturday Market recently I saw a traffic vehicle pull up in front of a cyclists' touring bus parked facing in the wrong direction. The officer got out of his car with his book, examined the licence disk, got back into his car, phoned somebody and then drove away. Why did he not ticket the vehicle?

Peter McEwan

# I would like to suggest that official signs (the blue and white signs that everyone recognises) be put up at ramps where there is also parking for cars. In this way there should be no confusion for anyone about not parking right in front of ramps. It will certainly make life a lot easier for residents, who are disabled or battle to get about and also for parents with children in pushchairs.

Kay Howes

#### Consider the disabled

Thank you to Barbara Gorniak for highlighting the problem of accessing ramps in public places in Prince Albert (September 2010).

I am wheelchair bound and am grateful for the ramps at municipal and other buildings and shops in the town. However, much of the time cars block access to them, and others and I cannot use them. This is particularly so at the Post Office building and at the OK Grocer.

#### Lof vir dr Bard se werk

k het familie in julle dorp en my skoonsuster stuur gereeld vir my 'n kopie van julle koerant en wanneer dr Brett Bard 'n brief of artikel skryf lees ek dit altyd eerste en met belangstelling. Ek is 'n groot diereliefhebber en wil dankie sê vir alles wat dr Bard doen.

(Vervolg op p 12)

#### PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT

#### **KENNISGEWING 53/2010**

AANSOEK OM VERGUNNINGSGEBRUIK ERF 2411, NIEUWESTRAAT, PRINS ALBERT MNR. KAREL GROVé

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Item 4.7 van die Artikel 8 Regulasies uitgevaardig in terme van die Ordonnansie op Grondgebruikbeplanning, 1985 (Ordonnansie 15 van 1985) dat die Raad 'n aansoek van MNR. KAREL GROVé ontvang het vir Vergunningsgebruik vir die bedryf van 'n Gastehuis te Nieuwestraat, Prins Albert.

Besonderhede van die voorstel lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

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## PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY

#### **NOTICE 53/2010**

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT USE ERF 2411, NIEUWE STREET, PRINCE ALBERT MR. KAREL GROVé

Notice is hereby given in terms of Item 4.7 of the Section 8 Regulations promulgated under the Land Use Planning Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance 15 of 1985) that the Council has received an application from MR. KAREL GROVé for Consent Use to practice a Guest House at Nieuwe Street, Prince Albert.

Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the Municipal Offices, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objection, if any, to the proposals together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 19th NOVEMBER 2010**.

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#### R 950 000

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R 1.2 m

Ample accommodation in this recently renovated home with three bedrooms, main en-suite, and a family bathroom. Well fitted kitchen leading to separate dining room, living room and covered patio. Double garage, pool and two store rooms. Beautiful views from elevated position.



R 3.2m

Two exceptionally stylish homes already featured in numerous décor and architectural publications! The main house is a blend of streamlined functionality and artistic form, whilst the historic original cottage is pure Karoo glamour. Unique in every way.



#### New Release - R 995 000

Solid home in excellent position, offering three bedrooms, family bathroom, and guest toilet. Expansive living and dining rooms with well fitted kitchen and separate pantry. Single garage, carport and good views of the mountains.



R 795 000

Perfect bolt hole in Prince Albert! Eclectic two bedroomed cottage with great open plan living and entertainment areas, situated in very good position in popular de Beer Street.



R 795 000

Very quaint cottage with shaded private garden and leiwater! Three bedrooms, spacious kitchen with wood burning stove, pantry and enclosed verandah make this property an ideal retreat in Prince Albert. (Briewe... Vervolg vanaf p 10)

Ek glo soos dr Bard dat diere wel regte het en waar mense omgee en dinge doen om omstandighede te verander waardeer ek dit en mag die Here hom seën en help om sy goeie werk voort te sit.

In skrille kontras het ek onlangs 'n brief in ons plaaslike koerant, *Southern Courier*, gelees wat die wrede marteling en die doodmaak van 'n hond op 'n golfbaan beskryf het. Dit het my so ontstel dat ek nie kon slaap nie!

Kan mense (?) werklik so wreed wees? Hoe leef mens met jouself as jy so iets doen? Is daar nie iets wat mens daaraan kan doen nie? Ek glo nie dis armoede of onkunde wat mense sulke dinge laat doen nie, dis doodeenvoudig barbaarsheid!

Dr Bard, gaan asb voort met u goeie werk, daar is mense wat dit baie waardeer!

Katrien Liebenberg Kenilworth, Johannesburg

#### Thank you one and all

Thank you all so much for all the telephone calls, visits, flowers and goodies I have received in sympathy for my deceased hip. I am reliably informed that my new one will be stronger and much better.

It was a stupid accident for which I take full responsibility being the inefficient multi-tasker I insist on being. I was not fully concentrating on the task in hand which was taking my Great Dane friend, Bentley, for a walk; I had keys, basket, knitting, and was chatting to my friendly neighbour whilst trying to lock the door when I found myself lying in great pain, amongst the lavender and rose bushes at my front door. Friendly neighbour went for help, which arrived swiftly.

Thank you so much to Di Steyn and Dr Pete Reinders, to the Ambulance staff who were so compassionate and efficient and to the Prince Albert Hospital staff who set me up for the trip to George.

I simply adore Bentley, I am still his Godmother and he will continue to visit; however, walks are off the immediate agenda.

Thank you so much Athol for delivering my car to George for my daughter's convenience.

I am going to Zimbabwe for a short time and will return in the New Year.

Thank you to everyone. I love you all. Happy Holidays.

Liz Erasmus

#### Thank you Prince Albert Hospital

would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all the wonderful, caring staff who attended to my friend in the late afternoon of 18 October.

The initial telephone contact was handled with sensitivity and reassuring

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empathy. A helpful security guard ushered us into a very clean, well-ordered A & E department. Sister Koorts and her team of two immediately assessed my friend and administered treatment with professional efficiency, warmth and humour. We are lucky indeed to have such an excellent facility in our town.

Dr VJ Gauntlett

#### So onthou ek oom Sas de Kock

as de Kock se lewe is verby, maar wat 'n kosbare bydrae het hy nie in sy leeftyd tot Prince Albert en sy gemeenskap gemaak nie. Sy kennis, ervaring en vaardigheid het alte duidelik na vore gekom toe hy en sy vrou Ems hul pragtige dubbelverdiepinghuis Helmuth met sy omliggende geboue en leidam eers behoorlik voorberei het sodat hulle gelukkig daar kon woon en boer. Sy lewe lank het sy boerdery getuig van deeglike beplanning én die uitvoering van elke detail. Soos sy persoonlike voorkoms, was alles óm hom 'n toonbeeld van netheid.

Ook die deeglikhied waarmee hy sy werk as offisier in die polisiemag benader het, spreek van 'n man wat hard gewerk het en elke dag se ure kon rek.

Hy was alom bekend vir sy kennis van en belangstelling in die leiwater van ons dorp. Sy onbaatsugtige diens as lid van die Kweekvallei Besproeiingsraad/ Watergebruikers sal met groot waardering onthou word. Sy kantoorlig het donkeroggend in Luttigstraat uit die oop deur geskyn, en daar het hy saans sy dagtaak afgesluit.

Oom Sas het altyd tyd en 'n vriendelike woord gehad vir elkeen wat hy op straat teëkom of in die koöperasie ontmoet. Jy kon sy raad of mening vra oor haas enige saak en jy sou 'n bruikbare antwoord kry. Sy nederigheid en waardigheid was 'n voorbeeld om na te volg en kwaadpraat was nie vir hom nie. Hy het in afhanklikheid van sy Skepper geleef en sy plekkie in die erediens op 'n Sondagoggend was selde sonder rede leeg.

Mag tannie Ems en die kinders ryke troos vind in die mooi van oom Sas se lewe.

Pieter Vilioen

#### **Traffic officials** under scrutiny...again

There is clearly a need for better traffic control on our roads especially after dark when a number of locals drive recklessly and possibly under the influence of some substance. No matter the situation those charged with this unenviable task should remain professional and display courtesy to drivers.

Some months ago I was stopped by a traffic official and asked to produce my driver's licence. I did not have it with me and was issued with a ticket.

As I was guilty of an offence, I did not object to the officer doing her duty but the manner in which she ticked me off was most distressing. I am not used to having a finger pointed at me and being addressed

by someone I do not know as 'jy' en 'jou'. I found this very impolite and urge those who are in such positions of authority and who have to deal with the public to temper their enthusiasm and behave in a fashion in keeping with their profession.

I understand that our main street is a national road and cannot therefore have a stop street or stop streets or even a speed hump on it. Is it not time that the Municipality bought a speed trapping device to put an end to the blatant disregard of the speed limit? I have often seen vehicles driven at full revs through the gears until they reach top gear. I am sure they have reached speeds over 120km/h no matter what vehicle is being driven.

Barry Grindley-Ferris

#### Zwartberg 200 Club Winners

The lucky winners of the August draw of the Zwartberg 200 Club were:

Merle Cleaver

2<sup>nd</sup> Benjamin Ruggeberg

Penny Alder

This fundraiser plays a huge part in the large sum Hoërskool Zwartberg has to raise this year.

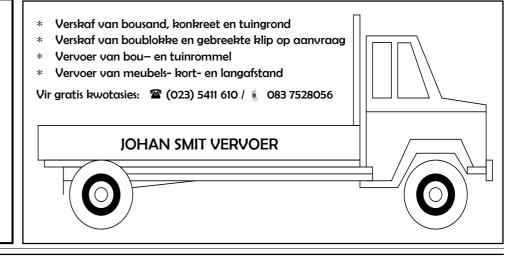
If anyone would like to join, it is never too late! Please call Di Steyn on 0829372978 for details.

Thank you to the Prince Albert Golf Club for graciously hosting the draw every month.

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#### Riena Reinet - the doll from Graaff-Reinet



A Graaff-Reinet doll

If you wanted a toy during the First World War you had to use your imagination and whatever materials were available. Anna Laubscher, an art mistress of Graaff-Reinet, pondering about a Christmas Gift for a niece, decided to make her a doll. Anna used unbleached calico and dipped it in a red ink water to give it a fleshy colour. She filled the doll with sawdust; painted the ball shaped head of her own design with oils and her sister Mary made the clothes. Oom Jurie, the head of the family and a wine farmer, took charge of the joints to enable the



The front cover of Die Storie van 'n Afrikaanse Pop

limbs of the doll to move.

The doll was an enormous success, first with the niece, then the town, then the country, and Rhodesia and Kenya. The demand was so big that Anna Laubscher's studio became a doll factory. Girls were employed to sew the bodies, old men to fill them with sawdust, boys to do the dipping in the inkwater.

They ran out of sawdust. Oom Jurie, the wine man, suggested using crushed cork. They ran out of cork and used *mielie blare* 

and sawdust, which was available again.

Due to the great demand the 'Doll Factory Laubscher Poppen Fabriek' moved to large premises - 16, Donkin Street, Graaff Reinet. More people were employed and about 250 dolls were produced per week. The factory also made teddy bears, Bonzo-a-dog and a small doll, "Twiedels".

The Graaff-Reinet doll went through a couple of changes; a hard, round object was pushed under the calico to form a nose and later the dolls had moulded plaster faces. The doll became so popular that one of the first children's stories written in Afrikaans - *Die Afrikaanse Pop* by E L and R J van Reenen - tells about a little girl's love for Riena Reinet.

The only constant in life is change and with the appearance of German bisque dolls in the Union of South Africa, the demand for the Graaff-Reinet doll dwindled. The Laubscher factory closed down in 1927.

(Source: Riena Reinet, Victoria A Harper)

Museum Greetings Gunda Hardegen- Brunner



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#### Cyclists enjoy warm Karoo hospitality



Brian Finch entertains the visiting mountain bikers at Bergwater Cellars

- Vanessa Botha -

n 7 October 58 cyclists and their support team arrived in Prince Albert as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> KKKCycle Mountain Bike Tour. This annual tour, organized by Arno Botha, follows a circular route of 550km from Wilderness to Wilderness, passing through Knysna, Uniondale, De Rust, Prince Albert and Oudtshoorn.

Upon their arrival the group was treated to a delicious lunch of burgers and chips at Lah-di-dah Farm Stall in Church Street. Yvette Breedt and her team welcomed everyone to their lovely restaurant and invited them to relax and enjoy the tranquil pond-side setting.

That evening, the Swartberg Hotel hosted an outdoor dinner at their pool terrace. They could not have wished for a more beautiful spring evening. A scrumptious braai, lively conversation and soft candlelight made for an evening enjoyed by all.

The next day was a rest day for the cyclists and they wandered through town, some exploring Prince Albert for the first time. The tour provided business for 13 guesthouses and the Swartberg Hotel and many cyclists vowed to return with their families for another visit to this lovely town.

Their last evening in Prince Albert was spent at Bergwater Cellars where Wildekanis Pre-Primary School hosted a dinner organised by Ilze Steyn and her friendly team. The cellar was transformed into a picture of elegance with beautifully laid tables, vases of roses as table adornment, and burning lanterns all around. Stephan and Chantal Schoeman of Bergwater Cellars offered wine tasting and won over many new customers.

Prince Albert local, Brian Finch, provided the entertainment and soon had everyone in awe of his superior guitar skills. He sang some of his new compositions and of course, some golden oldies. Wildekanis provided olive hampers and a magnum of Bergwater wine signed by winemaker, Mariska Vorster, to be auctioned amongst the cyclists. Cyclist, Graham Terlouw, played auctioneer and in excess of R5000 was raised for the school, with the magnum bottle of Bergwater fetching R4000 from Hermanus resident, André du Plessis.

The cyclists were sad to leave Prince Albert at 07h30 on Friday morning knowing that the Swartberg Pass awaited them...

For more information about the KKKCycle MTB Tour please contact Arno Botha on arno@arnobotha.co.za or 083 3959 038.





#### **Another great Moonlit Market**

- HF-

It was a little chilly, it was a bit windy, and there was not much of a moon to speak of. But nothing could dampen the spirits of a happy crowd that streamed into the *markie* for the second Moonlit Market – the first had set the standard in a memorable way.

Friday, 24 September, just about equinox time and a day after the full moon, saw busy stalls galore with cheerful buyers and sellers doing much brisk business to the music of DJ Nelis Hattingh. The occasion was luckily timed for the beginning of a long weekend so Prince Albert could welcome a host of visitors to our town and our special market, organised again by the ever-praiseworthy Tourism Office. With bright lights all over, plus Glenys' beautifully colourful cupcakes, it meant that nothing was in any way dull.

The organisers did a fine job of setting out tables and chairs and getting an atmospheric fire or two blazing to ward off the chill. And if the fires were not enough there was always the Museum's Witblitz. Candles and cooldrink, boerewors, roosterkoek, sosaties, Albert College's hamburgers and melktert were fresh for the buying, with Indian delights by the Padayachee brothers. Offal and curry was irresistibly home grown and Sanette Fourie's masterly baking spoke

of the Karoo in its best tradition.

Folks wandered, chatted and met up with friends. Glasses clinked and good cheer was overflowing. For the determined eater, Bokkie and his team presented olives, pasta and lamb, various unpronounceable exotics and goat's milk cheese. (Did you know that Prince Albert makes goat's milk cheese?)

Zelia Mullins and Mike Upton churned out the now famous *prego* rolls in uncountable numbers. And the Thursday Group (wonderful ladies – considering their combined ages) boasted "the best waffles in town" which nobody could deny.

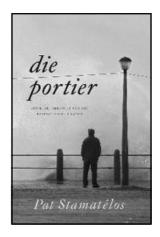
While Sue's array of plants begged for the buying and Julie's Jewels tempted the fashion conscious for the wearing, Di Steyn announced the highlight of the evening – the Somerset College Jazz Band. About 20 talented young musicians entertained a very appreciative audience with professional quality jazz. The crowd was quiet, listening and enjoying while shiny brass instruments flashed, drums were drummed, strings were strummed and a young lady sang. Some partygoers could not resist the beat and a little girl in pink danced with all the joy of youth.

Another wonderfully successful event!



#### Prince Albert Munisipale Biblioteek

#### **Boekresensie**



Die Portier deur Pat Stamatélos

ie hoofkarakter, Max, lei aan obsessiewe kompulsiewe gedrag. As deel van sy rehabilitasie-program moet hy as portier by 'n hospitaal werk. Hier moet hy op sy tande kners en mag nie gril vir broos pasiënte in rolstoele nie, hy moet hulpvaardig en simpatiek wees en mag nooit wys watter storm in hom woed nie.

Soos die tyd verloop kom hy egter agter dat hy nie meer die badkamerteëls tel nie en kan saam lag as die verpleegsters en hospitaalklerke hom terg. Hy ontsluit later selfs 'n bedrogsaak.

Die vraag is egter of hy liefde kan vind en of hy ooit gemaklik genoeg sal voel om iemand toe te laat om die beheerde ruimte wat hy vir homself geskep het, binne te tree.

Die verrassende slot in *Die Portier* sorg daarvoor dat hierdie boek vra om herlees te word.

Ander boeke deur dieselfde skrywer is *Kroes* en sy opvolg *Val van die dice*. Haar nuutste boek, *Vier begrafnisse en 'n troue*, het pas verskyn.

### JOHAN VAN ECK VERVOER

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#### **Ratepayers' Annual General Meeting**

- PARRA committee -

n 29 September the Prince Albert Ratepayers AGM drew about sixty people to the SPS Luttig Hall at the Showgrounds. It was encouraging to see so many Prince Alberters concerned about municipal matters, how their rates are spent, and who should represent them.

The outgoing chair, André Jaquet, reported that conscientious work on the part of the committee had resulted in a very good relationship with the Municipal Manager, Juanita Fortuin. Her cooperation with the Association and opendoor-policy had, he said, proved productive and was much appreciated.

Daar bly steeds kommerwekkende sake, soos die maandelikse munisipale rekeninge. Die einde is hopelik in sig met die nuwe, gebruiker vriendelike rekeningstelsel wat binnekort in gebruik geneem gaan word. Jaquet noem nog 'n waardevolle toevoeging: die skep van 'n tegnies-kundige inwonerspoel wat hulle kennis en ondervinding aan die munisipaliteit se tegniese afdeling beskikbaar sal stel.

Vier wysigings aan die vereniging se Grondwet is goedgekeur tydens die AJV. Die belangrikste synde die insluiting van inwoners (dws nie-eienaars wat in Prince Albert in gehuurde eiendom woon) as lede van die vereniging op die volgende voorwaarde: Een persoon per huishouding wat vir langer as ses maande in 'n wettige blyplek woonagtig is. Dit noodsaak 'n naamsverandering na die Prince Albert Belastingbetalers- en Inwonersvereniging.

Numerous other matters were raised including the importance of committee members (or other volunteers) attending Council meetings, thus providing feed-back on Council activities. Among other issues discussed were the Municipality's employment equity plan, the fire engine, local road conditions, locked gates at the rubbish dump and signage. Questions were also asked about various staffing matters within the Municipality that will be taken up at the next Municipal Manager's Meeting.

At a committee meeting shortly after the AGM, Barbara Castle was elected Chairperson. André Goosen remained as Secretary, Hugh Forsyth as Vice-Chair & Treasurer with Johan Senekal, Stephan Schoeman, André Jaquet, Clive Gibson, and Gawie Breytenbach making up the full Executive Committee.

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#### **Lente bring vernuwing**

- Lettie Breytenbach -

it het alles begin by 'n advertensiebrosjure van die Cultivariafees op 'n winkelrak. Week na week lê die aantreklike brosjure daar...waar hoort dit tuis? Stel niemand belang nie? Ek is nuuskierig, hierdie boekie kielie my.

"Mevrou kan dit maar neem. Dit het êrens uit 'n tydskrif uitgeval." Wat 'n geluk! Kreatiewe skryfsessie op 23 September om 08h30 sal aangebied by die Kultuurhistoriese Taalmuseum in die Paarl. Aanbieder: Anmar le Roux... weet nie juis wie sy is nie, maar volgens die bekendstelling is sy glo heel vaardig met aanbieding van sulke werkswinkels. Almal is welkom om die skryfsessie by te woon.

Die oggend is koel en fris in die Paarl. Die eikebome geklee in hulle nuwe lentekleed – lemmetjiegroen en skoongewas na 'n lieflike lente misreën (hoop die weer hou vir die aand se uithang- straatdinee). Die gebou ruik na boeke en drukwerk; kreatiewe skryfwerk vanaf die vroeë tydperke van die Afrikaanse taal tot nou. Nostalgie oorval my. Wat 'n voorreg om hier, waar my Du Toitvoorouers so gestry het vir die Afrikaanse taal, vandag te probeer om ook iets sinvol te skryf.

Die kursusgangers wissel in ouderdom vanaf 9 jaar tot 76 jaar. Daar is drie leerlinge vanaf Beaufort-Wes Hoërskool (eintlik is hulle van Heerdens vanaf Victoria Wes), vergesel deur hulle ma, ook 'n graad-3tjie (wat al skryf sedert Graad 1),'n seun van 11 jaar (Graad 5) en die res word volgemaak deur oumas, 'n oupa, joernaliste, maatskaplike werkers, onderwysers, digters, rubriekskrywers, Engeli Mostert en die uwe.

Anmar le Roux is 'n onderwyseres verbonde aan Stellenbosch Laerskool en werk tans aan haar meestersgraad in kreatiewe skryfkuns. Die werkswinkels wat sy aanbied is eintlik ontwerp vir leerders op alle vlakke in skole om hulle te ontwikkel in kreatiewe denke en om op vindingryke wyse met woorde en gedagtes om te gaan. Nie net as dit by opstelle

kom nie, maar in die aanpak van take en projekte; om met bekende of geykte gedagtes vernuwend en interessant te werk.

Dit was die eerste maal dat die werkswinkel oor so 'n breë en uiteenlopende spektrum van deelnemers aangepak is. Ek het my voorbehoude gehad, maar het baie gou besef dat ons fasiliteerder werklik 'n bekwame persoon is en die speelveld was gou-gou gelyk gemaak.

Op speelse en ontspanne wyse is ons ingelei in kreatiewe denke d.m.v. prente. Prente moes gekies word wat tot jou spreek. [My dogter het dadelik een met braaivleis en tjops gekies, wat op die ou end toe nie so 'n "lekker" keuse was nie]. Vir myself, synde laaste in die ry, was daar nie 'n wye keuse nie, maar 'n Venesiese toneel was uiteindelik 'n regte en goeie keuse.

Die eerste taak was om vir twee minute na jou prent te kyk. Dan moes die oë toegemaak word; daarna neerskryf alles wat jy onthou het, asook die gewaarwordings daarmee saam. Met die volgende stap moes die prent een plek regs aangeskuif word en die proses herhaal word.

Wat ek toe ontvang het (vanaf die 11-jarige seun langs my), was 'n prent van 'n selfoonagtige apparaat , maar daar's net een m\*\*rse groot knop in die middel en 'n antenna. Ek was seker. Dit kon niks anders wees as 'n bomafgaanmeganisme nie! Gedurende stap drie moes ons 'n speelding op die tafel in die middel van die vertrek gaan kies. Jy kon 'n keuse maak uit teddiebere, poppe, balle, fluitjies, spieëltjies, krale, e.s.m.; ekself het 'n miniatuur vuvuzela gekry.

Gedurende stap vier bevind ons onsself op 'n vliegtuig. Skielik vind jy iets vreemds in jou sak. Met verdere begeleiding deur woord en klank moes al die inligting wat tot op daardie stadium ingesamel was in 'n "storie" geskryf word. Elkeen het natuurlik 'n ander "storie" gehad om te vertel – myne het sommer in 'n sterk Agatha Christieagtige verhaal ontwikkel!

Vir my was daardie apparaat regtig niks anders as 'n bomafgaanapparaat nie; die vuvuzela, in my sak geplaas...deel van die komplot. Die passasier langs my is 'n knoppiesdrukker en fluitjieblaser. Skielik bevind ek myself i.p.v. op 'n rustige vakansie na Venesië binne 'n mafiakomplot! Die vliegtuig ontplof. Ek oorleef. Wat het van die knoppiesdrukkerfluitjieblaser geword? Hy leef. Maar hy ontken dat hy die knoppie gedruk het. Wie het die knoppie gedruk? Dalk ekself toe... ek vir 'n sakdoek gesoek het?

Die volgende sessie het 'oor kreatiewe digkuns gehandel. Hoe om 'n *Tanka* en *Haiku* te skryf was die groot uitdaging. Ekself het nog nooit hiervan gehoor, maar gelukkig was geeneen van die ander kursusgangers ook hiermee vertroud nie. D.m.v. *collages* (elkeen kon tien eie emosies/indrukke/woorde neerskryf) en krap in sandbakke (waaruit versteekte woorde gekruip het) kon elkeen 'n woordbank opbou. Met die woorde vanuit die woordbank moes die verse saamgestel word.

Die verse rym nie en die "ritme" word bepaal deur vasgestelde lettergrepe per versreël. Geen ander woorde buite jou eie woordebank kon gebruik word nie en vrye vers was ook nie toegelaat nie. Die vers moet verder sinvol wees en woorde mag net eenmaal gebruik word. Tien minute was toegelaat. Daar was gedink, lettergrepe getel, doodgekrap en weer begin...Engeli Mostert was eerste klaar, moeilike woordebank ten spyt. Anmar le Roux was hoogsbeindruk met Engeli se verse en het dit as baie goeie voorbeelde voorgelees:

Engeli se *Haiku*Die dag, koel buite
Die lewe soos Soduko
Betaal huur, eet sop.

Engeli se Tanka
(Die Tanka is 'n uitgebreide Haiku)
Grootmense kyk DVD
Seun lees storie van Luiperd
Oupa blokraaisel
Hofsaakopskrif in tydskrif
Man kry waarskuwing...koel dag!

Afrikaans uitsterf? Nie met sulke talent nie. Afrikaans leef.

#### WITH THE TREKKERS INTO THE HINTERLAND



The charming kuierhuis at Bizansgat Photo: Derek Thomas

- Derek Thomas -

either words nor images alone can describe the experience of travelling the old wagon routes. Through the Ceres Karoo, up the escarpment to the Roggeveld and to the isolated farmsteads along the Visrivier it was as though history was unfolding before us. It was a unique experience made possible by the Cultural Foundation's outing on the Heritage Day weekend at the end of September.

A party of twenty Prince Alberters benefitted from the hard-won research of Judy Maguire, Dick Metcalf and Shirley Southwood. And crossing this rugged landscape in the luxury of a car with such eminent 'guides' made the hardship of the trekkers and their animals more poignant, more tangible.

We entered the Ceres Karoo at Karoopoort, an old outspan and a place described by early travellers of the 1700s as "the true gateway to the desert." (The party alerted the Worcester SPCA to a severely undernourished Great Dane being kept at Karoopoort. The SPCA responded immediately and members of the PACF made donations to the organisation.) Then we crossed the Doring River, which flows northwards, joining eventually with the Olifants River before discharging into the Atlantic Ocean. It was bone dry and hard to imagine as the raging river it can sometimes be.

Bizansgat was a welcome stop with a stone *Pioniershuis* lovingly restored with resourceful Karoo comfort. This being the first elevation to look back on our trail, Hangklip stood sentinel-like, a compass bearing for old time travellers. The English explorer, William John Burchell wrote in the 1800s: "Hangklip... in the distance constituted the only object and by its projecting and overhanging crag, naturally gave its name to the spot..."

Our first encounter with the challenge that



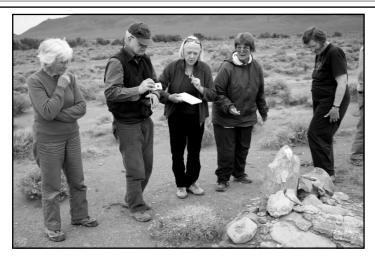
The endangered sterboom (Cliffortia arborea) grows only in the Nuweveld mountains Photo: Derek Thomas

the trekkers endured to reach the Roggeveld was at Gousblomhoogte where the wagon tracks were distinctly visible in the veld. Further along we walked an old wagon trail where rust marks from the wagon wheels are still imprinted on the stones. Then we descended into flattish country with little signs of habitation or life, just the occasional lone farmstead located well off the road. Although a bizarre prospect in these arid surroundings we looked forward to a cold drink at a roadside shop, the Windheuvel Bossiesskerm. This remarkable 'shop' is housed in a wire mesh structure stuffed with asbos and without a roof. Unfortunately for us, it was closed during the summer!

We stopped at the animal camp at the bottom of Verlatekloof to look at the trail up the escarpment where sheep were herded up the steep slopes. We then drove up the Vloksberg Pass to our overnight stop at Blesfontein. Situated near the edge of the escarpment it was a magical place to enjoy sundowners looking out across the Tanqua Karoo towards the eastern slopes of the Cederberg range. The Tafelberg and Spout, the Sneeuberg peak were pale purple cutouts against the orange sky. A meeting with the endangered 'sterboom' (star tree) was a privilege, being able to enjoy its rare and fragile beauty before its extinction.

On our second day we entered the Tanqua Karoo via the Oubergpas, a winding track with a breathtaking descent used by the trekkers with their customary perseverance and resourcefulness. Another quirky Karoo landmark was the familiar old Post Office 'tickey' box, marking Goue Pond. The eroded banks and the wide alluvial plane gave a hint of the Tanqua River's force when flowing, which forced the trekkers to cross at Bo-Wadrif before proceeding northwards.

Yet another surprise is the Tanqua Karoo National Park, a place to remember for stepping off the world. But nothing yet could compare with the Ganaga Pass that followed. Here evidence of the Anglo-Boer War outposts reminded us that for well over 100 years the Ganaga had been used as a wagon route and then by the



Lorna Verran, Derek & Christine Thomas, Judy Maguire and Lydia Barrella examine a grave in the Tanqua Karoo Photo: Linda Jaquet

Boer Commandos and the Khakis. Its gradient is near impossible and the view back to the Tanqua Karoo spectacular. At Agterkop, a supply post used by the Khakis (who called it Actor Kop) the picture becomes more complete of Brit against Boer and the war movements of those times.

En route to Middelpos, fortune smiled on us. A dust cloud shrouded the oncoming flock of 1200 shorn sheep on their journey to an overnight camp. The crack of the whip was a reminder that times haven't changed much in these parts. Closely bunched, the animals swept past us to their camp after their forty-kilometre trek. Behind was a 'karretjie' with a family, a sight still a common in those parts. Cameras captured a rare moment not to be missed.

The Middelpos hotel owner obliged by opening the pumps for petrol, and in return our group showed appreciation by



1200 sheep at the end of a 40km trek
Photo: Derek Thomas

filling the hotel bar, otherwise closed for custom.

On the third day, we woke up at Blesfontein to a complete whiteout, a mist that cleared by the time we had driven to the remnants of the Boplaas opstal, the Vlok family farm, at the edge of the escarpment using old wagon tracks in places.

Our next destination was Sutherland and Louw Huis, the home of N P van Wyk Louw during his growing up years. As virtually the only Afrikaans literary figure with a truly international reputation, his childhood was dominated by his mother who took social refinement to extremes. Married to Moltke Louw, a lawyer in the town, Poppie Van Wyk grew up on the farm Gunstfontein where only the ruins of



On the wagon track on the escarpment near Sutherland Photo: Ken Auerswald

a bygone era remain, evoking a sense of its past life as a productive entity.

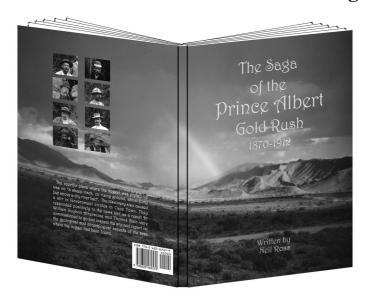
At this point our ways parted and some drove back to Prince Albert via the Komsberg Pass and the Moordenaars Karoo.

The Prince Albert Cultural Foundation is fortunate to have members who never tire of sharing their extraordinary knowledge and experiences. Judy Maguire, Dick Metcalf and Shirley Southwood are to be congratulated on their organisation of this tour. Such a trip would not have been the same without their passion for the places they visit and the relations they have forged with the people who are still farming and living along the forgotten highways.



PACF members enjoyed their stay at Blesfontein Guest Farm
Photo: John Kramer

#### There is indeed gold in the Museum



Whith the publishing of the Fransie Pienaar Museum's latest book, "The Saga of the Prince Albert Gold Rush 1870 – 1912", and with a little digging in its archives – pardon the pun – you can find gold.

Neil Ross has researched and authored a fascinating account of the euphoria which surrounded the gold rush of late Victorian times. It is social history of this corner of the Karoo, played out in the veld and dry river courses mainly on the farms Spreeufontein and Klein Waterval. From the time of the first discovery of a nugget to the final acceptance that the gold fields would not match the dreams of the diggers, the human story unfolds entertainingly through the pages of this book.

Some extracts encapsulate the beginning and end of the saga:

"The specific place where the nugget was picked up was on a 'sheep track' on rising ground, about forty feet above a dry river bed'. The discovery also caused a stir in Government circles in Cape Town. They responded positively to the news and as a result Dr William Guybon Atherstone and Thomas Bain were commissioned to go and inspect the site and report on the geological and mineralogical aspects of the area where the nugget had been found."

Some farm owners were not so happy with the prospect:

"At the homestead of Spreeufontein where we halted for coffee and friendship we found the poor old people (the owners) dejected and sad at the prospect of gold being found and their farm being dug up".

Visionaries were there hoping to make their fortunes as well:

"Steps taken to try to establish a village some fifteen miles from the goldfield on the farm Klein Kruidfontein were also unsuccessful".

The original find was met with unassuming ignorance:

"Thinking nothing of it he put the nugget in a cupboard and there it remained for several weeks until Mr Meyer, who was a neighbour, was shown the nugget. He pronounced that it was either copper or gold..."

In their reports, the experts disagreed about the potential:

"Dr Atherstone had the suspicion that the nugget was placed where it was found, for an object; but I think he is wrong. We found no clue of anything of the sort...But, Bain recounted that on his recent journey from Beaufort West to Spreeufontein, a distance of forty miles, he traversed at least 25 to 30 reefs of quartz, varying from three inches to two feet in width. Three of the five samples, which he tested, gave a very fair show of gold".

The rush for claims was managed under pressure, but in an orderly way:

"Only people who had prospecting licences were allowed to stake out claims. Once the claim had been staked out it was then registered with Oakley and his assistant who processed the information, as fast as they could pen them".

Once registered, it was each man for himself:

"Each person who wished to stake out a claim had to peg it out by literally driving pegs into the ground at four perimeter points of the claim. The size of each alluvial claim was restricted to 100 feet x 100 feet. Reef claims were larger, measuring 400 feet x 150 feet".

Businessmen saw the opportunities in whatever form:

"Local entrepreneurs in the district competed to provide both coach and cart transport from these railway stations to the goldfields and also for those diggers travelling the coastal route to Prince Albert via Mossel Bay and Oudtshoorn".

Occasional clashes were inevitable and tempers could fly:

"Only two pitched battles appear to have occured so far, one between two black boys in which neither made much physical impression on each other and one between a Hottentot and an Englishman, in which, I regret to say the Briton came to grief".

Some of the miners showed a sense of humour:

Miners, "in an effort to assist people in locating them, put up boards next to their tents, with names such as *Karreeboom Villa* or *Mimosa Lodge*."

Unrelenting determination overtook experience:

"Oakley was able to report that three hundred and ninety eight alluvial claims had been registered and that only a few of them were in the hands of men with any experience. An Australian digger sank a test shaft to a depth of thirty-five feet before he hit bedrock".

Liquor law enforcement happened even in the veld:

"No hotel liquor outlet was ever established at the diggings but there are several cases, which have been recorded where shop-keepers were trapped selling liquor illegally..." On arrival, immigrants' wrote home about their disdain:

"We did not get much sleep. When daylight broke we saw the scenery of Africa. I do not know how to describe it. The nearest to England would be the downs, without a blade of grass upon it covered by little shrubs about four yards apart".

The reality of limited finds started to dawn on the miners:

"The exodus of diggers continued and in early November there were only twenty parties digging at Spreeufontein and half a dozen at Klein Waterval, a reduction in numbers of nearly fifty-percent since September. The gold returns for January 1893 were a miserable three ounces. These ongoing low returns were probably the spur that prompted the Colonial Government to finally appoint Arthur Robert Sawyer, a mining engineer resident in the Transvaal..."

A spark of renewed hope from an expert's report:

"In the second half of 1893 there was an unexpected resurgence of interest in the goldfield, probably fueled by the time-consuming investigation which the public knew was being undertaken by Sawyer. Numbers of new diggers came to the goldfield and a new Diggers Committee was established".

But the renewed hope could not be sustained:

"Gold production in January 1894 was just over thirty-three ounces and thereafter it dropped to about ten ounces a

month for the rest of the year, with the exception of March when two large nuggets were found..."

Tailenders saw their chance to 'clean up' by acquiring unwanted claims'

"Between the years 1910 and 1911 Gurling Pritchard made diligent efforts to obtain secret control of a very large number of claims on the farms of Spreeufontein, Klein Waterval and Ganzekraal".

And, in the end, a local farmer topped the success stakes:

"Piet du Plessis remained an active player in the fields until the very end. He and his brother were certainly the most successful diggers during the life of the goldfield in the Prince Albert District".

The printing of the Gold Rush book has been sponsored by the Prince Albert Writers' Guild and is available at the Fransie Pienaar Museum. The museum has a special section devoted to the Prince Albert goldfield containing numerous newspaper cuttings, reports, photographs, maps, some basic mining equipment and a model of a gold mining shaft that was sunk on one of the farms

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#### Molly Bloom: Jennifer Steyn directed by Nicky Rebelo



Jennifer Steyn in Molly Bloom Photo: Nicky Rebelo

- André Jaquet -

Prince Albert's Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg was packed for the one-night-only performance of *Molly Bloom* on 13th October. Direct from a successful run at the Baxter Theatre in Cape Town it was a coup for Prince Albert thanks to the efforts of Di and Mark Steyn.

There was not a seat to be had by the time the curtain went up on this

"obscenely brilliant play" starring acclaimed South African actress Jennifer Steyn (sister of our own Mark) and directed by her husband Nicky Rebelo.

Steyn kept her audience enthralled and entertained throughout what is widely referred to as 'Molly Bloom's Soliloquy.' Never fluffing her lines, never dropping an excellent Irish accent and with the perfect timing of a consummate actress her performance was nothing short of breathtaking.

For close on two hours, there was hardly a sound from the audience as Ms Steyn, sitting in a nightdress on a bed (or peeing in a chamber pot!), performed a monologue that was full of different funny, tragic, philosophical and poignant emotions. There was not a false note in the entire performance.

Steyn herself says that this gem – based on the last chapter of James Joyce's Ulysses – is "a 100-minute monologue, brilliantly edited by my husband, pains-

takingly learnt by myself, over two months – and performed with much joy and celebration of one of the greatest writers of the 20th century."

Such was the applause at the end that Di Steyn was prompted to tell the audience that it was obvious that Prince Alberters deserved to have their own Friends of the Theatre. This, she said, would be set up within the next few weeks and members would receive advance notice and booking rights to all plays that could be secured.

Anyone wishing to join the Friends of the Theatre should drop a line to Di Steyn at <a href="mailto:divdrs@telkomsa.net">divdrs@telkomsa.net</a> or pop in to the Tourism Office with their R30 annual membership fee.

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As the *Friend* went to print, tickets for the performance on Saturday, 23 October, at the Schouwburg of award-winning play *Die Naaimasjien* were sold out. The play stars Sandra Prinsloo.

#### 'Doctor' Rina Gous to the rescue



Porrich before her 'operation'...

Porrich is Kirsten Auerswald's favourite doll, the only one that the two year-old chose herself. Unfortunately, Roxy, the family's new puppy from the SPCA, chose Porrich to vent her frustrations on...and mutilated Porrich's hands and feet.

"Gannie" Ione brought her back to Prince

...and after Photos: Ken Auerswald

Albert from Nelspruit and took her to "Doll Doctor" Rina Gous for treatment. Several days later, Rina phoned to say that Porrich was ready to go home.

How fortunate we are to have such wonderful people in Prince Albert.

Baie dankie, Rina.



#### **People Power:**

Small-business advice from Eric Ahrens - Human Resources Generalist

#### Part 2: Setting Key Performance Areas and Objectives

For your employees to operate effectively, you need to clearly define their respective roles and responsibilities i.e. you need to communicate to them (1) what you expect of them, and (2) what they will be held accountable for.

The most effective way to do this is to draw up a simple document that clearly defines each employee's Key Performance Areas (KPAs). KPAs are not task listings as in 'place tea bag in cup and pour boiling water over same.' They are statements of accountability e.g. a KPA for a Cleaner may be 'to ensure that toilets and washhand basins are thoroughly cleaned three times a day.' Another may be to 'ensure that paper-towel dispensers are always kept full.'

There are two essential elements to KPAs detailing the 'quality' and 'quantity' of the responsibility described in the KPA. In the two examples described above, the 'quality' indicators are 'thoroughly cleaned', in the first example, and 'papertowel dispensers are kept full, in the second example. The 'quantity' indicator in the first example is 'cleaned three times a day, and in the second example, it is 'always.

It is essential that you discuss the KPAs with your employees. You must ensure

that they understand their KPAs and also that they agree with them. If an employee doesn't understand a KPA, or agree with it, then the chances of them meeting the required standard will be slim.

There is no hard and fast rule as the number of KPAs per employee. This usually depends on the nature of their jobs. But as a guideline, you should be able to limit KPAs to about seven. There may well be hundreds of things that each employee has to do in order to carry out their KPAs, but these are 'tasks', not responsibilities.

Once you have discussed and agreed the KPAs with each employee, you should set about determining Performance Objectives (POs). For example, a PO for the Cleaner may be 'to ensure that all drains in toilet areas are clear of grime and debris at all times.' In setting the PO, you are telling the employee that if the toilet area becomes flooded because of a blocked drain, then they are not carrying out their KPA.

As with the KPAs, you need to discuss and agree the PO with each of your employees. While the KPAs tell employees what their areas of responsibility are. The PO tells them what the indicator is that will let you know whether or not the job is being done properly.

This way your employees will know what is expected of them. Also, it gives them the opportunity to discuss their role in your business and to raise any issues they may have that could prevent them from carrying out their duties. Importantly, it gives you the chance to tell them how they are faring. This is essential because the employment relationship has to be comfortable and rewarding for employer and employee alike.

Of course, if you go to the trouble of identifying and setting KPAs and POs, you must hold regular performance reviews with each of them. Because the way your employees perform will not only affect the profitability and sustainability of your business, it will also affect your relationship with them. And, most importantly, it will affect your relationship your clients.

You may want to link the performance of your employees directly to their remuneration. Motivated and incentivised employees are far more likely to achieve your objectives, than employees who are ignorant of what is expected of them.

#### **ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A PARTY IN TERMS OF SECTION 16(1)(a) OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION ACT, 1996 (ACT No. 51 OF 1996)

- 1. Notice is hereby given that the **Karoo Gemeenskap Party** is applying for registration in terms of the Electoral Commission Act, 1996 (Act No. 51 of 1996).
- Date on which the application will be or has been submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer: 29 October 2010.
- 3. The abbreviation of the name of the party is **KGP**
- 4. The distinguishing mark or symbol of the party is printed underneath.

# KAROO GEMEENSKAP PARTY

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5. Anyone wishing to raise an objection against the intended registration must do so by written notice in which are set out the grounds for the objections and which must be delivered at the office of the Chief Electoral Officer within fourteen days after the publication of this notice.

#### Riana Scheepers: opregte vrou met egte waardes



I na r: Frances Olivier, Riana Scheepers, Ronél McKnight, Dalene Coetzee, en Ilze Koorts

- Ronél McKnight -

ie bekende en gewilde skrywer, Riana Scheepers, het Prince Albert, op uitnodinging van die VLV, op 18 September kom besoek. Buiten skrywer, is sy ook boervrou wat saam met haar man, Johann Loubser, op die plaas De Compagnie buite Wellington, boer.

Prince Albert lê haar na aan die hart aangesien sy en haar man as verliefdes, kort na hulle mekaar ontmoet het, 'n naweek hier deurgebring het. Vir Prince Albert assosieer sy dus met liefde, opgewondenheid, energie en vreugde! Hierdie besoek van haar en Johann het dan ook heel gepas op hulle agste huweliksherdenking geval.

Riana se praatjie: 'Waardevolle dinge, waardevolle mense' het harte aangeraak. Swaarkry was al deel van haar lewe. Verder het sy die die wêreld vol gereis en so wonderlike lewenswaarhede versamel.

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- \* Geld kan nie die waardevolste dinge koop nie, nl 'n eenvoudige leefstyl: onpretensieus met outydse waardes.
- \* Seëninge tel is wat hoogmoedige mense nederig maak en neergeslane mense optel. \* Geskenke moet waardevol in innigheid wees – skatte wat geen geld op aarde kan betaal nie.

Die oggend is afgesluit met 'n heerlike middagete so eie aan die styl en standard van Johanna Luttig, haar dogters en haar kelder.

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Onthou om ook ten minste drie, of self vier sekondes in swak weersomstandighede toe te laat. 'n Ander manier om twee sekondes af te tel is om te sê:

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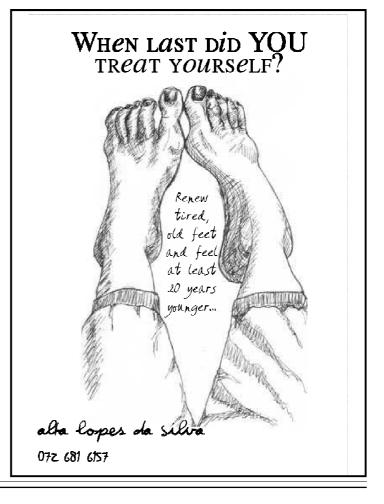
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#### Lienkie en Heimie se Sprokiestroue



Pas getroud! Lienkie en Heimie Schoeman

- Dolla Grové -

p Saterdag, 25 September, is Lienkie en Heimie Schoeman getroud by die swierige Aviator Estate te Bergwater Wynlandgoed.

Met aankoms is gaste getrakteer op yskoue soetwyn en canapés, bedien onder die oop lug met spierwit chinese lanterns en spierwit stoele wat die atmosfeer laai. Die bruid word ingevlieg met 'n King Air vliegtuig wat teen die agtergrond van 'n pragtige sonsondergang die perfekte landing reg voor die bruilofsgaste maak.

Lienkie slaan asems weg terwyl sy in haar noupassende kantrok en met 'n bloedrooi bruidsruiker agter haar gevolg, Emma, Klara, Isabella en Siemon, haar bruidegom tegemoet stap. Die weer speel saam en skep 'n perfekte, soel aand: windloos en heerlik.

Ds. Johan Botes, 'n vriend van albei families, neem die seremonie waar en die pasgetroudes lui hulle huwelik in met lang 'sparklers' wat die gaste oor hulle hou.

Die splinternuwe onthaalvertrek is asemrowend versier met silwerkandelare, kerse, groot silwerbakke en rooi ruikers...die eindeffek was absoluut ongelooflik! Duidelik die eindresultaat van baie ure se harde werk.

Gaste klink 'n glasie van Bergwater se nuwe Brut Rosé op die bruidspaar en 'n heerlike kuier skop af.

Daar is gesmul aan 'n feesmaal met 'n groot verskeidenheid disse wat deur Arrie en sy helpers aan ons voorgesit is. Ons het tot laat gekuier om díe groot en spesiale dag te vier.

Ons wens vir Heimie en Lienkie baie jare van liefde en geluk toe.

#### Die Ja-woord is uit!



Stralend! Theresa en Gert Borcherds

Theresa Gouws en Gert Borcherds is op Saterdag, 25 September, by die NG Kerk in die huwelik bevestig deur Ds. Chris Barend, 'n ou vriend van Gert en sy familie.

Die paartjie, wat beide spog met hul 2de Dans in Karate, het mekaar ses jaar gelede deur die sport ontmoet.

Die amptelike foto's word op die Gouws

familieplaas, Baviaanskloof, buite Prince Albert geneem en daarna word daar, met meer as 'n honderd lede van die familie en vriende, vreugdevol makietie gehou by die Skousaal.

Theresa is die tweede oudste dogter van Louise en André Gouws van Prince Albert. Gert, wat naby Malmesbury boer, is die tweede oudste van Helena en Christie Borcherds se vier seuns.

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Koos en Venessa Kruger

- Christine Snyman -

p Saterdag 25 September 2010 maak almal gereed vir die troue van Koos en Venessa Kruger. 'n Jaar gelede het die paartjie hier verloof geraak en toe sommer op Prince Albert verlief geraak. Dit was vir my geen verrassing toe hulle my in Maart meedeel dat hulle graag hul geluk op Prince Albert wil verseël nie. Koos het sy dogter Bernadine op 23 Februarie 2009 na 'n ongeluk met 'n taxi verloor en het na die groot hartseer 'n ander geluk saam met Venessa gevind.

Ds Chris Briers het die twee Gautengers in die eg verbind en Magriet se pragtige musiek in die kerk het tydens die vreugdevolle geleentheid almal se harte geraak en trane is weggepink.

Chris Vis se smul-lekker eetgoed het almal se magies tevrede gestel terwyl ek gesorg het dat al die reëlings vlot verloop.

Koos en Venessa, dankie dat Prince Albert met al sy mooi plekkies deel van julle onvergeetlike dag kon wees. Venessa, jou sprokie het waar geword toe Koos se pad met joune kruis. Mag julle 'n lang en liefdevolle lewe saam geniet.

#### Mia-Jeane, 'n klein wonderwerkie



- Elmien le Roux -

ia-Jeane is op 8 Augustus 2010 gebore. 'n Hele maand te vroeg en moes díe maand in die hospitaal agterbly om aan te sterk. Sy is pragtig en klein soos wat sy is trek sy reeds op beide die Joubert en Theron families. Marinette en Pieter, haar trotse ouers, is die sesde geslag wat in die Gamkaskloof woon en daar arbei en leef díe jong gesinnetjie heerlik voort.

Sterkte vir julle en kyk mooi na die kleinding, dis 'n wonderwerk van Bo.



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## **† Matthys Andries le Grange** 27 /02/1947 – 21/09/2010



Thys le Grange

- Denise Ohlson -

B aie mense het hom geken as Thys, meer nog as Tiekie – klein maar taai was hierdie eerste baba wat 63 jaar gelede by die Militêre Basis Ysterplaat gebore is.

Sy kindertyd en hele skoolloopbaan bring hy deur in die Kaap, daarna sluit hy by die Lugmag aan, trou en help sy twee seuns grootmaak terwyl hy kwalifiseer as helikoptervliënier en vorder tot sersant. Hy verlaat die weermag en sluit aan by Court Helikopters as vlugingenieur. In die laat sewentigs haal hy die koerante toe die maatskappy se S58T Sirkorsky helikopter by Groenpunt in die see stort. Die ongeluk laat hom met rugbeserings en een oog met net tien persent sig.

Hy sluit weer by die weermag aan, maar in 1983 word hy met terminale kanker gediagnoseer. Sy maag word grootliks verwyder en hy onderwerp hom aan ingrypende bestraling. Sy sterk wil laat hom oorleef en hy kom boer saam met sy pa op die plaas Nooitgedacht terwyl sy twee seuns in die dorp skoolgaan.

Tydens 'n besoek aan 'n homopatiese apteek in die Kaapse middestad ontmoet Thys vir Tina Pulito. Dié gebore Namakwalander sien kans om in die Karoo te kom bly, en hulle trou in 1987. Saam huur hulle die ou "Raap en Skraap" karavaanpark en begin met 'n volstruisboerdery. Die kanker bly egter 'n faktor en Thys het deurentyd pyn, maar die volstruisies word mooi groot en die boerdery vorder goed totdat die mark ineenstort. Hulle verkoop en trek na 'n nuwe perseel waar hulle 'n hoenderboerdery begin. Tina bak pasteie wat oral groot aftrek kry terwyl Thys twee lensvervangings moet kry. Hy oorleef nog 'n traumatiese motorongeluk op die Swartbergpas en is dankbaar om te bly leef en te hoor dat die oogoperasies suksesvol was.

Hy pak die ontwikkkeling van 'n deel van hul grond aan en skep 'n nuwe dorpsarea wat hy Fountain Circle noem. Hy raak later ook betrokke by die bou en verkoop van eiendom.

In Juniemaand van hierdie jaar slaan die kanker weer in alle erns toe en uiteindelik eis dit sy tol in die vroeë oggendure van 21 September. Rom 8 vers 31-39 is die teksvers by sy begrafnisdiens in die NG Kerk.

Thys word oorleef deur sy broer Jannie, sy ouers Kiep en Fransie, sy twee seuns, Johan en Riaan, en twee kleinkinders, Lerise en Diaan. Tina gaan moedig voort om haar bekende pasteie te bak, terwyl die twee katte vir wie Thys so lief was, om haar bene draai.

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## ♣ Johanna WilhelminaMaria le Roux03/01/1936 – 19/09/2010



- Elmien le Roux -

p 19 September om 02h00 die oggend is Ma Hanna stil en rustig in haar slaap van ons geneem. Nou is sy verlos van pyn.

Haar kinders en kleinkinders mis haar pittige sêgoed wat enige vaal dag kon ophelder. Tannie Ina Burger en Marlize Luttig saam met wie sy altyd naweke gebraai of dinge gedoen het, voel saam met ons die reuse leemte wat haar heengaan gelaat het.

Ma Hanna was aktief by elke fondsinsamelings vir die ACVV en Huis Kweekvallei. Sy was gereeld by verkopings en het met vreugde saam met Tannie Ina en haar span geskenkpakkies vir ons bejaardes opgemaak. As daar siekte was het sy gereeld haar vriende gaan besoek en bygestaan.

Ma Hanna was reguit, eerlike en opreg en het altyd haar beste vir haar kinders gegee. Sy word oorleef deur haar drie seuns: Thinus, Henk en Wimpie en hul families. Daar is sóveel wat mens wou nog doen en sê, maar die tyd was nie daar nie.

As skoondogter kan ek sê dat ek haar vreeslik mis. Ek kon my diepste geheime met haar deel, raad was daar ook altyd, veral as jy mismoedig word. Ek mis Mamma baie, maar eendag sal ons weer saam wees en lekker lag oor al die dinge.

Ons bewaar Mamma se liefde diep in ons harte en weet dat Mamma nou veilig in Jesus se hande rus.

#### **♣** Sas de Kock: Daar was maar een soos hy

- Diana Ackerman -

Josias Stephanus de Kock, gebore op 7 September 1929 op die plaas *Popler Grove* in die Distrik Caledon in die Wes-Kaap, is nege jaar oud toe sy moeder sterf ná die bevalling van sy jongste suster. Sy pa maak hom en sy ouer broer groot, terwyl sy susters by tantes en oumas gaan bly.

Op veertienjarige ouderdom moet hy uitspring om te gaan werk om sy vader te help in die baie moeilike depressiejare. Hy verwerf jare later as getroude man sy matrieksertifikaat met twee onderskeidings en ontvang 'n spesiale beurs van Luceum Kollege om vir sy BA graad in die Regte te studeer.

Sy eerste werk is as handlanger by 'n saagmeule op Hermanus, daarna werk hy vir 'n algemene handelaar en toe by 'n slagpale. Op 30 Januarie 1948 sluit hy as agtienjarige by die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie aan.

Aanvanklik word hy opgelei as berede

polisieman, maar later is hy ook betrokke by teeninsurgensie-operasies. Sy loopbaan neem hom na Somerset Wes, Fraserburg, Prince Albert, Leeu-Gamka, Beaufort-Wes, Kroonstad...

In die tydperk wat hy op Prince Albert gestasioneer is, onderneem hy patrollies te voet na Die Hel aangesien daar toe nog geen toegangsroete na Gamkaskloof is nie. As polisieman word hy vereer toe hy 'n boorman en sy werker in die Fraserburg omgewing in die sneeu gaan soek en opspoor. Hy is aktief betrokke by die redding van verskeie mense tydens die Laingsburgvloed in 1981 en doen ook verskeie kere grensdiens.

Hy tree uit die polisiediens op 31 Mei 1985 met die rang van majoor – en met verskeie toekennings, insluitende vier medaljes: die SA Polisiestêr vir Verdienste, die SA Polisiestêr vir Troue Diens, die SA Polisiemedalje vir Troue Diens en die SA Polisiemedalje vir die Bekamping van Terrorisme.

Met Anna Maria de Kock, 'n nooi Smit, is hy op 12 Desember 1951 getroud en uit die huwelik is vier kinders gebore: drie seuns, Fanie, Gielie en Danie en 'n dogter, Diana.

As agttienjarige al draf hy uit vir Noord-Transvaal 0.19 en regdeur sy lewe bly rugby 'n groot belangstelling. Hy is gedug as stut en speel vir verskeie klubs, ook vir Prince Albert. Hy het nog tot op die ouderdom van 46 jaar wedstrydrugby gespeel saam met van sy seuns. Daar is min seuns wat kan spog dat hulle saam met hul pa in dieselfde wedstryd kon uitdraf!

Boerdery was sy tweede lewe en hy het nog die oggend voor sy heengaan die week se take uitgedeel. Hy het hoofsaaklik met sagtevrugte en skape geboer, maar het 'n spesiale liefde vir byeboerdery gehad en was 'n kenner op sy gebied. Hierdie stokperdjie het hy nog tot en met die einde van sy lewe beoefen. Hy het ook met entoesiasme aan die dorp se Waterraadvergaderings meegedoen en die belange van Prince Albert se skaars en kosbare hulpbron op die hart gedra. En met sy aktiewe belangstelling vir krygsgeskiedenis, kon hy in detail vertel van die Anglo-Boereoorlog en die Tweede Wêreldoorlog.

As mens het hy 'n ongelooflike karakter gehad. Hy het almal met waardigheid en eerbied behandel ongeag status, geslag of ras. Hy was liefdevol dog ferm en regverdig. 'n Man van integriteit, sy woord was sy trots. Hy was 'n Godsman, en ten spyte van vele terugslae in sy lewe, was daar altyd sy geloof om op die beste te hoop en voort te gaan. Sy fyn humorsin het hom tot die einde toe bygebly.

Dit is met harseer wat ons afskeid neem, maar dis ook in groot dankbaarheid dat ons terugdink aan die wonderlike tye saam met hom. Hy het sy lewe voluit gelewe en dié wat sy pad gekruis het, is met 'n blywende indruk gelaat.

Sas de Kock, of "Oom Kokkie" soos hy ook genoem is, se vlees het ons verlaat op Woensdag, 6 Oktober 2010, maar die mooi herinneringe aan hom sal ons altyd bybly. Dit is 'n mens wat geLEWE het – en legendes gaan nie dood nie.



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#### Kansa gee hoop

- Christine Snyman -

Skoutyd het aangebreek en Kansa was ook betrokke. 'n Mode parade is gehou en die geld wat ingesamel is het na Kansa gegaan. Graag will ek van die geleentheid gebruik maak om mense in te lig oor die ondersteuning wat Kansa bied vir die persoon wat met kanker gediagnoseer word en by Kansa geregistreer is.

Kansa is 'n nie winsgewende organisasie wat beteken dat ons geen befondsing van die Regering kry nie. Ons is 100% van fondsinsamelings en skenkings afhanklik. Kansa se visie is om te streef na 'n kankerwys Suid-Afrika. Dit is belangrik dat u betrokke raak by Kansa sodat ons hulp en ondersteuning kan bied. Dit is privaat en sal vertroulik bly.

Ons missie is om die inpak van kanker in alle gemeenskappe in Suid-Afrika d.m.v. gesondheidsvordering aansienlik te verminder deur voorspraak, volgehoue navorsing, voorkoming en vroeë opsporing.

Daar is tans 14 interim huise in die land, 400 personeellede en 37,000 vrywilligers wat by Kansa betrokke is. Op George het 'n pragtige Interim huis Julie 2010 geopen. Hierdie huis verskaf huisvesting vir 12 mense, vervoer en 3 etes per dag aan ingeskrewe kansapasiënte wat vir behandeling moet gaan. Ons fondsinsamelings projekte sluit in: Toktokkie, Shavaton, Relay for Life, Cuppa en borsstappe. Daar is borgvorms oor kanker by Kansa beskikbaar.

There are currently 14 Interim Homes, 400 staff and 37 000 volunteers involved in Cansa. A beautiful Interim Home opened in George in July, which provides accommodation for 12 people, transportation and three meals per day for cancer patients who are enrolled for treatment. Our fundraising projects include: Toktokkie, Shavaton, Relay for Life, Cuppa and fundraising walks. Sponsorship forms are available from Cansa.

Kansa se hulp aan kanker pasiente is die volgende:

- Stomapasiente word deur stomaterapeute ondersteun en touwys gemaak. Hulpmiddels word verleen bv. rolstoele, matrasse, pruike ens.
- Prostheses word gepas en die verskaffing daarvan word met Kansa gereël.
- Vroeë opsporings soos PSA Toetse en papsmere word gedoen. Pathcare (pateloë) het dit hierdie jaar teen 'n spesiale tarief vir Kansa gedoen.
- Praatjies word gelewer, uitstalings, pamflette en plakkate word uitgedeel met die kanker boodskap. Ons CD "Hoping is Coping" help pasiënte om hul siekte te verwerk. Vrywilligers word opgelei en dit is die gemeenskap wat by Kansa betrokke is.

Cansa's programs are sustainable and can provide a service to cancer patients but it is up to each individual whether they want to be involved and register or not. I have registration forms available. Call me on 023 541 1174. Don't be afraid of the Big C. There is always HOPE.

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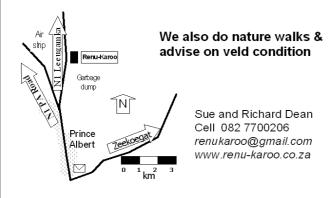


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#### A new, improved sheep protection method

- Dreamt up by Hugh Forsyth -

White some concern I have been following the correspondence in this esteemed publication about the farming of sheep and the contradictory phenomenon of predation. My abundant sympathies are equally and fairly divided between the farmers and the conservationists, and I am fully cognisant of the challenges facing all role-players. It is therefore with deep satisfaction that I offer commercial meat producers, and defenders of our rich natural heritage, a mutually acceptable way of pleasing everybody... especially the sheep.

I believe that most sheep predation occurs in the hours of darkness and therefore suggest that the physical removal of small stock from the reach of predators would be an excellent way of ensuring their safety. The method I modestly recommend could be termed the 'Helium Assisted Nocturnal Sheep Levitation System' (HANSLS). Which, with a few simple tools, could easily be put into practice.

Step one would be to attach an inflatable balloon and a helium cylinder to the back of each sheep – one balloon per sheep should be sufficient. Each cylinder to be brought into operation by a sundown-activated sensor toggle which would trigger a gas release valve and so inflate the balloon with helium. When the sheep has risen four or five meters from the ground (and out of harm's way) an altitude monitor would shut off the helium supply and maintain the sheep in a safe position for the rest of the night.

In the case of an ewe with one offspring a Twin Pack would suit the circumstances. The Lamb Pack and the Twin Pack would be equipped with a small solar panel charging a cadmium battery to power an electromagnet attached to the side of the lamb. This in turn would attach itself to a mild steel plate affixed to the side of the ewe, thus ensuring that mother and child or children remain suspended together.

Should high winds prevail, an environ-

mentally friendly anchor rope would be available. One end of which would be attached to the left back hoof of the sheep and the other fastened to a recyclable cast iron weight. Thus preventing a flock from blowing away on a gusty night. At dawn, light-sensitive gas release grommets would deflate the balloons and the flock would descend to earth.

Employing the System would naturally incur a little extra expense and preliminary calculations indicate that the best end of lamb would retail at between R800 and R900 per kilo, but the advantages of stock preservation would be dramatic.

Dealing with predators would be equally simple and effective. A series of stout iron bars, judiciously spaced, would be mounted parallel to the ground at the height of precisely 31 centimetres. Each iron bar would be equipped with a heat sensor and a loudspeaker on a pole 3m high. As the predators roam in frustration, searching for their intended prey they would inevitably pass under one of the iron bars.

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#### **Breakaway for Local Art Group**



Dwarsvlei proved an inspirational site for local artists Photo: Lorna Verran

- Lorna Verran -

The local Art Group was recently invited by one of its members, Sandy Bower, to her family farm for a six-day breakaway from the "hectic life" in Prince Albert to do some serious sketching and painting. Eight of us left home for the five-hour drive to her farm which lies 12km south of Middelburg. The drive was well worth it.

What greeted us as we came up over the last hill was an amazing sight. A sprawling green farm nestling in a gentle valley with the Sneeuberg as a backdrop lay before us. The long driveway, thickly edged by sisal plants followed by an avenue of trees, led us up to the ivy-covered double-storey farmhouse set in a beautiful English garden with a pool and tennis court.

The abundance of water was evident by the lushness of the gardens, furrows, *vleis* and a dam, sourced from a spring and a mountain stream. The ambience of the place reflected a bygone life-style that, sadly, few could re-create in today's circumstances.

The stately colonial-style house, built in 1910, accommodated British soldiers during the South African War after which the estate became the largest horse-breeding stud farm in the Southern hemisphere.

The seven bedrooms provided more than enough accommodation for us all. The big table in the spacious farmhouse kitchen was where not only meals were served but much joviality, fun, games and artwork was done. The age-old trees, old barns, farmyard implements, rows of horse stables, green fields of sheep, cows and calves, game, a dam, a *vlei* with the ever-present surrounding mountains provided so much subject matter for any aspiring artist or photographer.

Added to this list was the little cottage up on the side of the mountain where our hostess drove us at the crack of dawn early one morning. The purpose of the cottage was, believe it or not, to "get away from it all!"

A cosy little dwelling where we breakfasted, walked, sketched and viewed the distant mountains. Our return drive was highlighted by game spotting. A herd of gemsbok and their young was a particular treat. Crossing the railway line en route we discovered that the farm even had its own little railway siding with the farm's name "DWARSVLEI" written on the sign.

Having said all this (some of us) did not do as much artwork as we had planned but are all the richer for a most memorable experience. Thank you, Sandy.

#### **Garden Club News**

- Sue Goosen -

The venue for October's meeting was the Medicinal Herb Garden behind the Fransie Pienaar Museum. This was recently constructed by the Renu-Karoo team and is sponsored by the Rufford Small Grants Foundation, a charity that promotes the sharing of indigenous plant knowledge and skills, and encourages the conservation and use of local plants.

Sadé Cowley, a third year Nature Conservation student, and Meraai Isaacs, an employee of Renu-Karoo gave a most interesting and enthusiastic talk on the uses and preparation of various herbal remedies. Meraai grew up in a family with a strong tradition of using herbal treatments and is keen to pass on her knowledge. Many of the plants are known by unique local names and this has been a challenge for Sadé to identify for her research project. A description of the plant and its uses is often needed, although local usage differs too.

Treatments for ailments such as toothache (Pentzia incana), fever (Mentha longifolia) asthma (Artemisia afra) and cancer (Sutherlandia frutescens) were mentioned, as well as flatulence (Bulbine), diabetes (spekbos) and warts (Euphorbia Mauritania). Often a tea is prepared using a few leaves, but other parts of the plant may also be used.

The garden has been created to encourage awareness of the important role of medicinal plants in our natural history knowledge and to continue the oral tradition of passing on information at a time when there is a diminishing availability of such plants in the wild.

Lydia Barrella gave a vote of thanks to Renu-Karoo for the commitment and hard work of their team. The Garden Club gave a donation to the Museum and Ione Auerswald won the raffle plant, a lemon verbena.

The next meeting will be held at SoetKaroo, the Perold's wine estate on Church Street on Wednesday, 3 November at 15h00. Please bring a mug for your tea and a folding chair. There will be no charge for members, and visitors will pay R10.00. All are welcome to join us.

#### Onderwysers se harde werk vereer



Hoërskool Zwartberg se Jakoba Visagie en Diana Koorts

- R Mcknight -

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Hoërskool Zwartberg het twee leerkragte vir hierdie toekenning benoem o.a. me. Diana Koorts vir die Grondslagfase en me. Jakoba Visagie vir die Hoërskool. Me. Koorts het 'n tweede plek in die Grondslagfase behaal. Me. Visagie het 'n eerste plek in die Hoërskool-afdeling behaal.

Me. Visagie verteenwoordig die Eden/ Karoo distrik by 'n toekenningseremonie wat plaasvind op 22 Oktober te Stellenbosch. Sy het die tweede plek in die Provinsie behaal.

Die Personeel, Beheerliggaam, ouers en leerders wens hierdie twee leerkragte geluk met hulle uitstaande prestasie.

#### Landbouskou 2010



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#### **Jazz Band raises funds for Albert College**

- Matthew van Heerden, Abigail Modra, Joshua Swanepoel -

The Somerset College Jazz Band visited Prince Albert for the fourth time at the end of September. The young musicians gave Prince Albert residents a taste of their talent when they made appearances at a chilly Moonlit Market on 24 September and at the Sydwell Williams Centre the following morning. And then they really showed what they could do at their performance at the Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg on the evening of 25 September.

The concert, a fundraiser for Albert College's science laboratory, was sold out. The Band composed of students ranging from Grades 8 to Matric amazed everyone with their ability to work together flawlessly and their excellent rendition of traditional jazz numbers and more popular pieces, like 'Lady Marmalade' and



Somerset College Jazz Band makes sweet music at the Moonlit Market in September Photo: Tracy Swanepoel

the Village People's 'YMCA'. The encore, 'I'm A Believer', was fantastic and the audience left thoroughly satisfied.

The show brought in approximately R1 400.00 for our budding science geniuses. So if you spot strange phenomena

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The students of Albert College would like to thank everyone who contributed ideas, money, time or support to make this event such a success.



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#### Prince Albert Primêr braai dat die vere waai!

- M Rockman -

Teen 16h00 Vrydagoggend 15 Oktober, nog voor dagbreek, was die manne van Prince Albert Primêr al reg om te braai. Die hout was in die donkie besig om kole te word sodat die 650 'guns' gebraai kon word.

Maar eers het die manne 'n worsie gebraai om hulle te versterk vir die groot taak wat op hulle gewag het.

Die dames het die vorige dag die hoenderstukke mooi skoon gemaak en in Pappie se geheime sousie gemarineer.

Die Kolonel met sy 'secret blend of herbs and spices' kan maar hier kom leer wat beteken 'vingerlek lekker'!

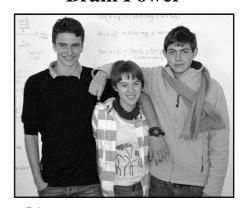
Die slaaie het reg gestaan en opgewonde het die leerders en onderwysers hul plek in geneem om hul borde te ontvang.

Baie dankie aan die gemeenskap wat ons skool so mooi ondersteun het. Al die fondse wat ingesamel is gaan gebruik word om sport toerusting en uitrusting aan te koop.

In 'n dorp soos Prince Albert waar daar maar min buitemuurse aktiwiteite en afleiding vir kinders na skool is, speel ons skole sport 'n belangrike rol. Nie net is dit gesonde oefening nie, maar dit hou ook ons leerders konstruktief besig.

Ons het heelwat leerders wat besonderse talent het en ons wil hulle aanmoedig en hoop om hul eendag op nasionale of selfs internasionale vlak te sien deelneem.

#### Albert College Brain Power



Congratulations to Joshua for achieving an A and to Abigail and Matthew for each achieving an A+ for Mathematics in the recent Cambridge IGCSE examinations.

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#### Kroonhof Koshuis hou Afskeidsfunksie

ie inwoners van Kroonhof Koshuis het op 6 Oktober hulle jaarlikse Afskeidsfunksie gehou. Met die eetsaal pragtig versier in pienk en pers en leerders uitgevat in hulle beste drag, kon die aand nie misluk nie.

Kort toesprake is gelewer deur die hoofseun en hoofmeisie, Samuel Alexander en Brumelda Bezuidenhout. Nadat die nuwe koshuisprefekte deur die hoof, mnr Ricky McKnight aangekondig is, kon almal weglê aan genoeg hamburgers en skyfies. Die koshuispersoneel het hard gewerk om dit 'n heerlike aand vir die inwoners te maak. Baie dankie!

Die aand is afgesluit met 'n sokkie in die skoolsaal.

#### It's War!

- Abigail Modra -

Prightly coloured shapes dodge and zoom through the melee. Now and then a yellow painted one breaks out, diving out into the clear with his sights on the target. The others are soon on his tail, though and he has to swerve violently to avoid a head on collision with a waiting adversary. There is a staccato chatter of weapons as they brush past each other and then the yellow attacker twists and turns back across No Man's Land to his Lines, gliding quickly through the inferno.

This is just a description of what you can expect to see on the school fields every Monday and Friday evening after five. Contrary to what you may be thinking, you will not witness a real dogfight between the English and the Boche air fighters but rather a fierce battle between the Spitfires and Hurricanes, Prince Albert Hockey Club's teams.

To watch our hockey at its best and if you think you can stomach the sight of the war casualties, come to Hoërskool Zwartberg's sports fields on Friday 19 November (time to be confirmed), dig yourself a trench and shout for your chosen team. Not for fence sitters!

#### **Rolbal in Prince Albert**

- Miems Theron -

p 4 Oktober 2010 om 19h00 het ons weer in die Skousaal vergader. Die opkoms was was 'n bietjie teleurstellend, maar ons het voortgegaan en amptelik 'n klub gestig,'n intreefooi van R50,00 per persoon gevorder en 'n bestuur gekies.

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We would like to have another Committee member, preferably an English speaker. Anyone who is still interested in becoming a member of our club can pay the membership fee to Johan du Toit at Huis Kweekvallei. Phone number 023 5411 626

We are currently working on a constitution and hope to have it ready for approval at our next meeting to be held at the SPS Luttig Hall at 18h00 on Wednesday 17 November 2010. Anyone who is interested, will also be able to become a member at this meeting.

Ons het ook uitnodigings van buurdorpe se rolbalklubs ontvang om by hulle te kom speel-beginnners sowel as ervare spelers. Dit sal baie goed wees as ons hiervan kan gebruik maak.

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## **Meiringspoort Half Marathon An old-timer's perspective**



Zwartberg Runners' Sandy Bower finishes the half marathon in style

- John McKenna -

t 04h30 Saturday morning, 16 October, the alarm goes off. Are we out of our minds getting up at this hour? Fortunately this was the only negative thought we had that day. It turned out to be a perfect, fun filled event for all who took part, some of us attempting the 10km, others the half-marathon.

De Rust was where we had to pick up our registration papers and pin them on our shirts – back and front. A young chap offered to pin my number to my back promising: "Don't worry, Oom, I promise I won't poke you!"

Then followed one of the highlights of the event, the transporting of the runners to the starting point in ostrich trucks. All shapes, sizes and ages huddle in the truck to keep warm, much like the ostriches, but certainly more sociable. People from all over the world come to take part. This year they had a record attendance of 2030 participants!

While enjoying our free rusks and cups of piping hot coffee at the start of the run, we hear the referee shouting on the megaphone "Welcome to the Karoo. Now the darkness has gone and the light has woken up the brain, this Klein Karoo boer can now welcome you in English!"

At 07h00 sharp, the starter's gun resounds and we're off. Cut off time for the 10km race is an hour and a half. Will we make it? And yes we did, in spite of the fact that one of us had to "hug a tree" several times (too much coffee). We even had time to appreciate the waterfalls and glistening rocks in the pass, a sight we have not seen for a long time.

Besides the "old timers", Prince Albert was well represented by the Zwartberg Runners, ages ranging from 17 to 59. The 59 year old said that this was her last half marathon. Watch this space next year; I'm sure she will be repeating her performance!

Congratulations to De Rust for organising such a well-run event. I got the feeling that the whole town got involved and enjoyed every minute of it.

Prince Alberters' results:

#### 10 Km

Louisa Mokoaqo	0.47
John van der Berg	0.48
Matthew van Heerden	0.52
Lesley van Heerden	1.10
John McKenna	1.20
Sonja McKenna	1.20
Zelia Mullins	1.20

#### 21 km

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